

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
August 15, 2007

ROLL CALL: 3:30 p.m. _____

ADJOURNED: 4:51 p.m. _____

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Shirley Scott, Ward 4, Chair
Member Karin Uhlich, Ward 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Carol West, Ward 2 Council

| AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION | STAFF ACTION |
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| 1. Call to the Audience No speakers. | No action taken. |
| 2. Legislative Update Jason Baran, City Intergovernmental Relations Office, reported on appropriations for Tucson transportation projects that are in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He also announced that the City has received a grant in the amount of \$8.415 million for construction of the Sun Tran bus storage and maintenance facility, which is scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in early 2008. | Continue regular updates. |
| 3. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update Jim Glock, TDOT Director, provided a list of RTA projects and their status. He reported that due to excessively high bids for phase one of the Grant/Craycroft intersection project, it will be rebid as one phase instead of two as originally planned. He also mentioned that RTA funding cannot be used to underground utilities, but rather than eliminate this feature from this project, TDOT will explore other strategies to fund the undergrounding. Subcommittee members stressed the importance of upholding the expectations of citizens in relation to RTA-funded projects. | Continue regular updates. |
| 4. I-10 Update Lucy Amparano, TDOT, reported that demolition of all major bridge crossings is complete but that lane restrictions will still be implemented for other work. She also remarked that the majority of calls received about the project have been positive comments. | Continue regular updates. |
| 5. Summer Rains Staff from the City's Transportation and Development Services departments reported on the complaints, inspections, damages, corrective actions and other activities they have handled as a result of the recent severe storms in the Tucson area. | No action taken. |
| 6. TDOT Bike Program Tom Thivener, TDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator outlined his goals and activities and presented a new program, "City Cycle" that provides bicycles and necessary safety equipment for use by City employees in the downtown area. | No action taken. |
| 7. Turnback of SR 77 Jim Glock, TDOT Director, discussed the process ADOT and the City of Tucson would follow to transfer all maintenance responsibility for SR 77 (Oracle Road/Miracle Mile to Genematas Drive) from ADOT to the City. Since the City is already performing all routine maintenance on this portion of the roadway, he felt it would be advantageous for the City to pursue this course of action. | Subcommittee members directed Mr. Glock to proceed with contacting ADOT to pursue the transfer of this roadway to City jurisdiction. |
| 8. Oracle Area Revitalization Project Rebecca Ruopp, from the City's Department of Urban Planning and Design, made a presentation on the scope and schedule for the study of options to revitalize Oracle Road, between Speedway and Miracle Mile, Stone and Fairview. The president of the Miracle Manor Neighborhood Association and another property owner spoke in favor of this project. | No action taken. |
| 9. Future Agendas (<i>suggested topics for further consideration/approval</i>) -Maintenance of Bike Paths | |